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me to believe that infection through the alimentary system played a much more important rôle than it was usually supposed to do. He expressed a similar view, and told me that he was preparing a paper reporting his demonstration of plague-infected rice taken from several of the local markets. It is not yet determined where the rice becomes infected—whether in cargo-boats, in the godowns, or after delivery at the markets.

Rice shipped hence to the United States and dependencies is usually brought from Saigon, Hankow, and Canton in junks and small steamers which discharge alongside into the ocean carriers if in port, or else the rice is stored in godowns, or in Chinese shops and houses until shipped. It is my intention to examine the export rice for plague bacilli as soon as time permits, and as soon as practicable to arrange for measures to offset the probability of infection. This is an important matter, and due consideration will be given it as soon as possible.

Emigrants recommended for rejection.

Number of emigrants per steamship *Korea* recommended, March 10, for rejection: For Honolulu, 5; for San Francisco, 23.

One emigrant per steamship *Victoria*, for Tacoma, recommended, March 16, for rejection.

Reports from Shanghai—Fumigation of vessel to destroy rats—Smallpox.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, March 22, as follows:

During the week ended March 12, 1904, 1 supplemental bill of health was issued, and 1 vessel and 45 crew were inspected. There were inspected 29 pieces of freight, and 4 pieces of baggage were disinfected. Four pieces of personal baggage were inspected and 11 pieces were disinfected. Five emigration inspections were made, with no rejections.

The municipal health officer reports during the week, smallpox 9 deaths, enteric fever 1 case, diphtheria 6 cases and 5 deaths, tuberculosis 30 deaths. The total mortality reported was 4 foreigners and 131 natives.

No quarantinable diseases were reported present at outports.

During the week ended March 19, 1904, 1 supplemental and 1 original bill of health were issued. There were inspected 1 vessel, 10 crew, 24 cabin and 24 steerage passengers, together with 109 pieces of baggage. Manifests were vised for 8,036 pieces of freight, and 41 pieces were rejected. One vessel was fumigated throughout with sulphur dioxide for the destruction of rats. Three emigration inspections were made with no rejections.

The report of the municipal health officer shows for the week: Smallpox, 13 deaths; enteric fever, 2 cases; diphtheria, 6 deaths; tuberculosis, 1 case and 31 deaths. The total reported mortality was 4 foreigners and 139 natives.

No quarantinable diseases were reported from outports.